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Mr. Louis W. Hunter
Associate Director
International Division
United States General Accounting Office
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Hunter:

In response to your letter of 8 December, I am enclosing the results of a search of our AEGIS system for references relative to the subjects you mentioned.

Because the AEGIS system is designed to help with intelligence research on foreign problems, documents on US security arrangements would only appear in the listing if they related fairly specifically to a foreign situation. Thus, you should not regard this list as a complete bibliography on the subjects you are pursuing. We have also had to omit a few documents because of particularly restrictive classification and dissemination controls. As a practical matter, these omissions do not seem to have affected the contents of the list very much.

The indexing language used in AEGIS does not permit fine distinctions, and a run of this nature inevitably turns up a fair amount of irrelevant materials. I hope, nevertheless, that it is helpful to you as a starting point for your study. Each entry provides an indication of which agency originated the document. You will, of course, have to go to the originating agency for actual copies of any materials you want to acquire.

One final note. We want to be helpful when we can, subject to our rather limited resources. This request proved to be quite manageable, but please understand that I must consider each such request on a case-by-case basis, and that at times it may be necessary to turn one down because of the press of business from within the Intelligence Community.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Edward W. Proctor
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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The Honorable William E. Colby
Director, Central Intelligence
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Attention:



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Dear Mr. Colby:

The General Accounting Office, in its continuing effort to provide Congress with accurate and relevant data, is presently evaluating U.S. security arrangements in the Far East, focusing on Japan and the Philippines. The overall goal of the study is to assess various regional arrangements, commitments, and capabilities of forces assigned to meet these obligations and interests.

An important concern of our review is the perceived threat as seen by both the United States and regional countries. Evaluations of U.S. policy, force posture, and role in the area are of major interest. Security arrangements, regional events, and external influences in the region as they impact on these arrangements are of relevance.

Studies and analyses of this issue area would be invaluable to our efforts. It would be appreciated if GAO personnel involved in this evaluation were granted access to the Central Intelligence Agency's AEGIS system. This document index/retrieval system would facilitate our basic research efforts by providing a comprehensive bibliographic listing of intelligence documents.

Mr. James Y. Kurihara and Ms. Joan M. Maloney, who have security clearances to the level of TOP SECRET, will be leading this survey. The data search will focus on current (1970-1975) analyses and evaluations of the region. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James Y. Kurihara (275-5857).

Sincerely yours,

Louis W. Hunter
Associate Director

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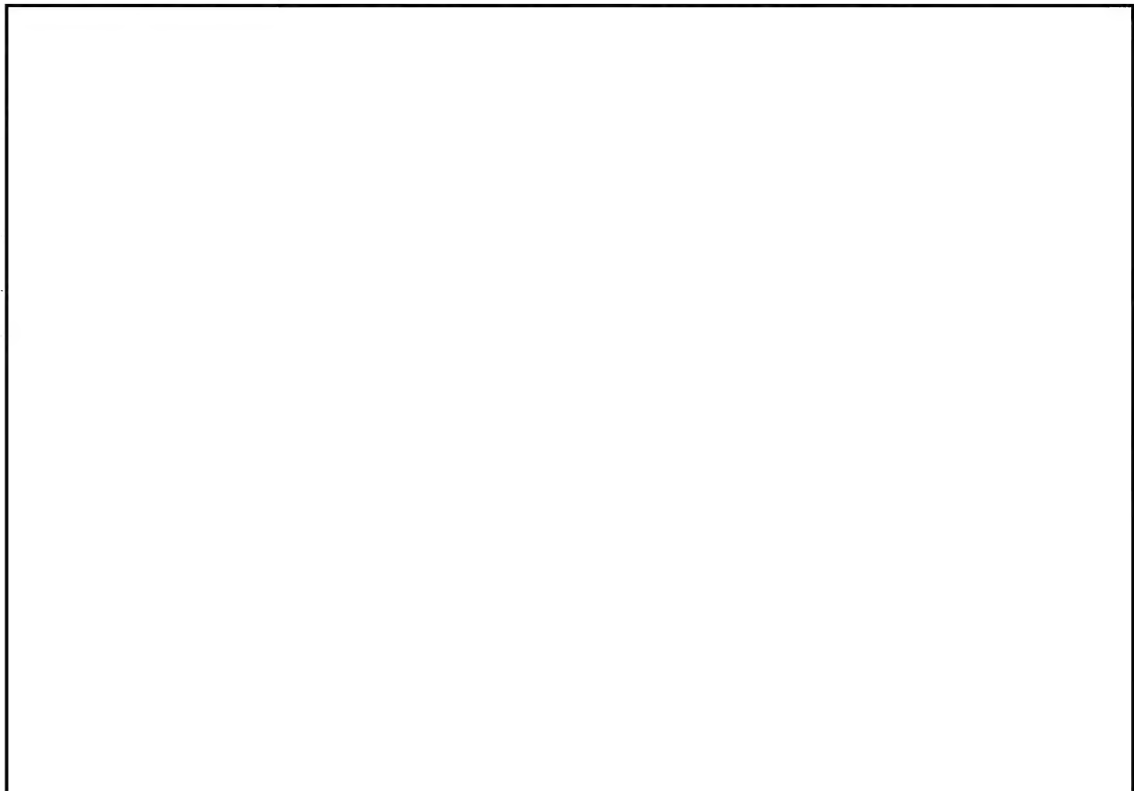
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Attached in response to your query is an AEGIS computer print-out of document references and titles.

AEGIS is a document retrieval system operated by the Central Reference Service (CRS) of the Central Intelligence Agency. The AEGIS system provides indexing coverage since 1968 of intelligence documents issued by CIA, State, DIA, Army, Navy, Air, NSA, NPIC, and other major intelligence sources. Open literature, non-CIA cables, FBIS reporting, and ground photography are included on a selective basis only.

The AEGIS system functions on the basis of gross subject/area document categorization plus selected keywords from the titles and texts of the documents. Place names for the USSR and China are indexed when they are a significant aspect of the document. Since the indexing language used is relatively shallow, the attached listing may contain references which are not directly relevant to your query.

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19. [] LIAISON Called Lewis Hunter, GAO, and told him we didn't see how we could talk about the criteria that determine the allocation of our personnel overseas without getting into sensitive operational information. He said they are not interested in the criteria. They want to know if we make a review of our overseas personnel, how frequently do we make a review, do we have a basis for assessing the number of people we think are necessary, etc. They are trying to find out the mechanism for staffing overseas posts. []

[] He said it appears on the surface that there is overstaffing in some areas. I said I would check further to see if we could give him anything of a general nature, otherwise, they will have to leave a blank for the Agency and infer that we have no periodic review.

GEORGE L. CARY
Legislative Counsel

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